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PLEASE PASS ASSISTANT SECRETARY SCHAUFLE

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: FRG AMBASSADOR IN KAMPALA URGES ASSISTANT
SECRETARY SCHAUFLE TO VISIT UGANDA

1. THE FRG FOREIGN OFFICE HAS PASSED US THE FOLLOWING
MESSAGE IN WHICH THE FRG AMBASSADOR IN KAMPALA
URGES ASSISTANT SECRETARY SCHAUFLE TO SEEK AMIN'S
SUPPORT FOR THE US POSITION ON ANGOLA.

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2. EMBASSY HEARD THAT ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR AFRICAN
AFFAIRS, MR. SCHAUFLE, IS VISITING NEIGHBORING
COUNTRIES TO WIN SUPPORT FOR AMERICAN POSI-
TION ON ANGOLAN ISSUE. THIS EMBASSY SUGGESTS THAT HE
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CONSIDER INCLUDING KAMPALA IN HIS TOUR AND THAT THE

ASSISTANT SECRETARY ALSO CALL ON PRESIDENT AMIN FOR
THE FOLLOWING REASONS:

A. AS CURRENT CHAIRMAN OF OAU, AMIN IS IN A POSITION
TO INFLUENCE FORTHCOMING OAU SUMMIT ON ANGOLAN
QUESTION.

B. AMIN, AT PRESENT, IS CLOSE TO MOBUTU, WHO MOST
LIKELY WILL BE ONE OF THE LEADING FIGURES IN ADDIS.
BOTH MET DECEMBER 14TH IN KINSANGANI WHERE, AS THIS
EMBASSY HEARD FROM RELIABLE SOURCES, A POSSIBLE
COMBINED MILITARY INTERVENTION IN ANGOLA WAS DISCUSSED.

C. AMIN REPEATEDLY DECLARED THAT HE WAS IMPARTIAL
ON ANGOLAN ISSUE AND WOULD MAKE DECISION ONLY AFTER
FORTHCOMING SUMMIT. ALTHOUGH HE SHOWED SYMPATHY
WITH MPLA AND SOVIET AND CUBAN INTERVENTION RECENTLY,
HE MIGHT BE OPEN TO ARGUMENTS, IF ASSISTANT SECRETARY
EXPLAINED AMERICAN POSITION AFTER HAVING SEEN OTHER
AFRICAN LEADERS, ESPECIALLY MOBUTU WHO IS HIGHLY
RESPECTED BY AMIN.

D. ALSO BRITISH GOVERNMENT RECOGNIZES AMIN'S
POSITION AS OAU CHAIRMAN,
POSITION AS OAU CHAIRMAN. WHEN MR. ENNALS, MINISTER
OF STATE IN FOREIGN OFFICE, VISITED TANZANIA AND
ZAMBIA ON RHODESIAN ISSUE, BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER
IN KAMPALA INFORMED AMIN OF RESULT OF TRIP AND HANDED
REPORT TO HIM.

E. IT SHOULD BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION, HOWEVER,
THAT AMIN IS DISAPPOINTED THAT AMERICAN EMBASSY
IN KAMPALA IS STILL CLOSED. ALTHOUGH HE HAS
INDICATED A NUMBER OF TIMES THAT AMERICANS WERE
WELCOME TO RETURN.

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